

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating uplink signaling by a UE receiving a multimedia multicast/broadcast service (MBMS), the method comprising steps of:

receiving information including an indication indicating one of UE counting and establishment of a point-to-point channel used by the MBMS over a MBMS control channel;

~~initiating in case a UE is in IDLE mode, transmitting, by the UE, an uplink signaling message for a RRC (Radio Resource Control) Connection establishment using the received indication according to the information received over the MBMS control channel; and~~

receiving, by the UE, a response message in response to ~~said~~the uplink signaling message;

~~wherein the information received over the MBMS control channel includes an indication selectively indicating between at least two causes, the at least two causes being UE counting and establishment of a point-to-point channel used by the MBMS.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~wherein said UE is in CELL\_FACH, CELL\_PCH, or URA\_PCH mode~~ further comprising:

in case the UE is in CELL\_FACH, CELL\_PCH, or URA\_PCH mode, transmitting, by the UE, an uplink signaling message for a Cell Update using the received indication.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1-~~or~~3~~ , wherein for the UE that is in CELL\_FACH, CELL\_PCH or URA\_PCH mode, a message included in said uplink signaling message is a Cell Update message.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1-~~or~~5~~, wherein for the UE in IDLE mode, a message included in said uplink signaling message is an RRC Connection Request message.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein a value for a field named "Reason for cell update" included in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS channel parameters".

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the value for the field named "Reason for cell update" in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS PtP mode".

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the value for the field named "Reason for cell update" in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS UE counting".

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein a value for a field named "Reason for connection establishment" in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "MBMS channel parameter".

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the value for the field named "Reason for connection establishment " in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "MBMS PtP mode".

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the value for the field named the "Reason for connection Establishment" in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "For MBMS UE counting".

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[1]]3, wherein further comprising steps of:

    sending a Radio Link Establishment Request message by a SRNC to a DRNC if an Iur interface exists and a reason for cell update included in said uplink signaling is set as "For MBMS PtP mode".

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein further comprising steps of:

    adding the UE into a context of the MBMS by the DRNC by adding a number of participating UEs by 1 after receiving the Radio Link Establishment Request message, and if the increase of the number of participating UEs makes a channel type of the MBMS change from PtP to PtM, the DRNC sending a Radio Link Establishment Failure message to the SRNC.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[1]]3, wherein further comprising steps of:

    keeping the UE in CELL\_FACH state and sending a Common Transport Channel Resource Initialization message to the DRNC by the SRNC if the Iur interface exists and the SRNC knows that a destination cell under the DRNC uses PtM as the channel type of the MBMS.

17. (Currently Amended) A multimedia multicast/broadcast service (MBMS) user equipment (UE) for initiating uplink signaling, the UE comprising:

    a receiver ~~[[to]]for receive~~ receiving information including an indication indicating one of UE counting and establishment of a point-to-point channel used by

the MBMS over the MBMS control channel and [[to]]for receiverreceiving a response message in response to an uplink signaling; and

a ~~controller~~ transmitter for, in case the UE is in IDLE mode, initiate~~transmitting~~ the uplink signaling message for a RRC (Radio Resource Control) Connection establishment using the received indication~~according to the information received over the MBMS control channel;~~

~~wherein the information received over the MBMS control channel includes an indication selectively indicating between at least two causes, the at least two causes being UE counting and establishment of a point to point channel used by the MBMS.~~

18. (New) The UE according to claim 17, wherein the transmitter, in case the UE is in CELL\_FACH, CELL\_PCH, or URA\_PCH mode, transmits the uplink signaling message for a Cell Update using the received indication.

19. (New) The UE according to claim 17, in case a UE is in IDLE mode, wherein the uplink signaling message for RRC Connection establishment includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

20. (New) The UE according to claim 18, in case the UE is in CELL\_FACH, CELL\_PCH or URA\_PCH mode, wherein the uplink signalling message for Cell Update includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

21. (New) The method according to claim 1, in case a UE is in IDLE mode, wherein the uplink signaling message for RRC Connection establishment includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

22. (New) The method according to claim 3, in case the UE is in CELL\_FACH, CELL\_PCH or URA\_PCH mode, wherein the uplink signaling message for Cell Update includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.